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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Illinois House of Representatives that, on average, 22 veterans commit suicide every day; this constitutes a very serious problem in every state, including Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Those individuals have fought in recent conflicts under very demanding and dangerous circumstances; and

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WHEREAS, For many veterans, their re-entry into a stable and productive civilian life has caused unexpected mental and emotional problems, resulting in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other severe mental illnesses; and

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WHEREAS, Medications are now available to mitigate the severity of those mental illnesses; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has an obligation to provide its veterans the opportunity to acquire such medications; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop a basic protocol

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1 which will provide direction on how best to make available such
2 medications to veterans suffering from PTSD and other forms of
3 severe mental illness, such as schizophrenia, schizophrenia
4 disorder, and bipolar disorders; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Chair and the Minority Spokesman of the
6 House Veterans Affairs Committee shall monitor the
7 preparations of such a protocol and shall make its report to
8 the House of Representatives, the Office of the Governor, the
9 Director of Healthcare and Family Services, and the Director of
10 Veterans Affairs not later than March 1, 2014.